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TAGS: PINR (GOMIS, CHARLES), IV

SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON IVORIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE
TO BRAZIL CHARLES GOMIS

1. GOIC HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES GOMIS AS AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL. GOMIS WAS BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 05 DEC 2014] AT GRAND BASSAM, A COASTAL TOWN NEAR ABIDJAN WHICH WAS ONCE THE FRENCH COLONIAL CAPITAL. GOMIS TOOK HIS SECONDARY STUDIES AT SAINT CHARLES IN THOUARS, FRANCE, AND AT THE LYCEE IN ROYAN, FRANCE, FROM 1961 TO 1965. HE THEN ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN LOS ANGELES WHERE HE TOOK A BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. GOMIS HAS ALSO DONE GRADUATE WORK AT THE CARNEGIE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND AT THE INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD BANK. IN 1965-66 HE WAS FIRST SECRETARY AT THE IVORIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND FROM 1967 TO 1973 HE WAS CHEF DE CABINET AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE. SINCE 1971 HE HAS BEEN THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ABIDJAN-COCODY BRANCH OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF IVORY COAST (PDCI). HE IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE STATE CONTROLLED SHIPPING COMPANY; PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERVISORY COUNCIL OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE; MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PDCI; AND THE HOLDER OF THE FRENCH ORDER OF MERIT.

2. GOMIS IS IMPRESSIVE AND PLEASANT. HAVING STUDIED IN THE
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U.S., HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. GOMIS IS VERY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE U.S. AND QUITE FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS. PART OF HIS STUDIES AT UCLA WAS PAID FOR BY A STATE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP. HE WIFE FATIMA ALSO STUDIED IN THE U.S. ON AN AID GRANT BEFORE THEIR MARRIAGE. A NATIVE OF GUINEA, MRS. GOMIS IS AN ATTRACTIVE AND ARTICULATE LADY. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN.
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